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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, MIL, JO
SUBJ: JORDAN'S FMS PROGRAM

REF: AMMAN 6045; STATE 185952

1. EMBASSY PLEASED TO HEAR THAT CURRENT JORDANIAN FMS DEBTS FOR FY 69, 72, AND 75 PAID, ALBEIT SOMEWHAT TARDILY, AND THAT \$33.6M OF FY 77 FMS HAD BEEN RELEASED.

2. QUESTION OF THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINDER OF FY 77 FMS FUNDING IS SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE BECAUSE UNTIL RECENTLY GOJ UNDER IMPRESSION THAT A SEPARATE SAUDI PAYMENT OF FY 75 FMS DEBT WOULD SERVE AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF SAUDI INTENT TO KEEP THIS A SEPARATELY FUNDED PROGRAM, NOT PART OF THE \$150M DEAL. EMBASSY NOT ABLE TO OFFER ANY "SPECIFIC, UNEQUIVOCAL EVIDENCE" THAT SAUDI INTENDED THE \$150M TO COVER ONLY FY 76 AND FY 77 FMS CREDIT PAYMENTS, NOR CAN GOJ GIVE SUCH UNEQUIVOCAL PROOF AT PRESENT TIME. HOWEVER, SAG PAYMENTS TO GOJ FROM THE \$150M

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ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS EXPECTED ON THE FY 76 AND 77 LOANS, SHOULD PROVIDE STRONG PRESUMPTION THAT THE \$150M INTENDED FOR THESE TWO FY'S, AND NOT FOR FY 75. FURTHER, DIRECT PAYMENT BY SAG TO USG OF THE RECENT FY 75 PAYMENT W/O USG HAVING DUNNED SAG ALSO SEEMS TO US TO SUPPORT THIS CONTENTION. LETTER FROM SAG SUPPOSEDLY MENTIONED

BY MAJALI AT JMC IS A MISUNDERSTANDING. MAJALI
WAS REFERRING TO THE SAUDI SIGNATURE ON THE FY 75
CREDIT AGREEMENT.

3. EMBASSY NOTES PER PARA. 1 REFTEL THAT DEPARTMENT IS
ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE FROM SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
WHETHER PAYMENT IS SEPARATE FROM OR PART OF THE DOLLARS
150 MILLION SAUDI/JORDANIAN FMS FUNDING AGREEMENT. IN VIEW
OF THIS FACT AND INFORMATION IN PARA. 2 REFTEL, EMBASSY WILL
NOT RPT NOT TAKE ANY ACTION HERE UNTIL INFORMED BY DEPART-
MENT. WE HOPE THAT AMBASSADOR ALIREZA'S EFFORTS WILL BE
SUFFICIENT TO CLARIFY THAT FY 75 FMS CREDIT IS SEPARATE
FROM DOLLARS 150 MILLION AGREEMENT. SUDDARTH

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